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MOON OF STAGGEC
OUTER RIM
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING US ON THIS DIPLOMATIC MISSION, *SENATOR YARUA.*
THE DELEGATION FROM *STAGGEC* SAYS YOU HAVE PROMISED TO EXCHANGE QUITE A *VALUABLE* ITEM IN RETURN FOR THEIR ALLIANCE.
WYAAAAAA. RUH RUH.
YOUR DAUGHTER IS LOVELY.
WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
ARRIOOO
SHE SAYS HER NAME IS VIIVEENN.
AND A *PRETTY* NAME IT IS.
MY NAME'S *PADMÉ.*
WOOO JI ARRRGH

RRRRRRUURGH! ARRGGG!

AWFULLY *QUIET* RECEPTION.

SEPARATISTS!

ROODARRGH UR ROD!

ARRRRGGHH!!

FFRRP

AWWAH AWAAH!

MUAWA!

GAAR!

RHAWK-ARRGH, RRROOAARRGGHH!

THE JEDI COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CORUSCANT

WE BELIEVE THIS WAS A TRAP. THERE ARE **SEPARTISTS** HERE. WE NEED **HELP!**

TROUBLING THIS IS. MANY LIVES ENDANGERED AS WELL AS ONE ***IMPORTANT*** ITEM.

I'LL LEAVE FOR STAGGEC IMMEDIATELY.

PARDON ME, ***MASTERS YODA*** AND ***WINDU***, BUT I'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER ***ANAKIN*** AND MYSELF FOR THIS MISSION.

A HISTORY WITH ***SENATOR AMIDALA*** YOU BOTH HAVE, ***MASTER KENOBI.*** TOO PERSONAL, THIS MIGHT BE?

WE DO HAVE A ***FONDNESS*** FOR THE SENATOR, BUT I THINK IT WILL BE GOOD FOR YOUNG ANAKIN TO LEARN THE ***RESTRAINT*** THAT COMES WITH DIPLOMACY.

IT SEEMS TO ME THERE IS ***VERY LITTLE DIPLOMACY*** LEFT IN THIS MISSION, BUT YOU ARE WELL SUITED FOR THE ***RESCUE.***

THE COUNCIL ***AGREES*** WITH MASTER WINDU.

STAGGEC

SLOW DOWN, ANAKIN. DON'T MAKE ME REGRET VOLUNTEERING YOU.

I'M NOT SLOWING DOWN UNTIL WE FIND PADMÉ.

HELLO? ANYONE HERE?

NO ONE.

NOTHING OUT HERE, EITHER.

OBI-WAN, LOOK! THERE ARE FOOTPRINTS HEADING TO THE BRUSH.

I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD START THERE. WE CAN SLOWLY AND--

--CAREFULLY LOOK FOR CLUES!

I DON'T KNOW WHY I BOTHER SOMETIMES.

I KNOW YOU'RE THERE. I CAN FEEL YOU!

VMMM

WAIT!

KSSSHHH

CAN'T YOU FEEL IT?

THERE IS NO THREAT HERE.

ARRRGRRR?

OH, UH... HI.

AAGGNNNR RRAWWAN.

SHE WAS WITH THE ENVOY. HER FATHER SENT HER TO HIDE.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY TOOK YOUR FATHER AND THE OTHERS?

OH UM...RUH GWYAAAAG. ADDIK ARRRRODO?

AS MUCH AS I'M *ENJOYING* THIS, WE *REALLY* NEED TO GET A MOVE ON.

IS BRINGING HER ALONG THE *BEST IDEA?*

WE CAN'T LEAVE THIS CHILD ALONE TO FEND FOR *HERSELF* IN THE *WILDERNESS.*

SAFER THAN WALKING HER INTO A *SEA OF CLANKERS.*

I JUST WANT TO *GET THERE* AND MAKE SURE PADMÉ-- *EVERYONE*-- IS OKAY.

WHAT THE--

TRAPS. WE MUST BE CLOSE...UH, THANKS FOR *WARNING* ME, KID.

I DON'T THINK IT'S REALLY--

I MEAN, *THANK YOU.*

THERE'S *SENATOR YARUA*, THE OTHER *HOSTAGES* MUST BE NEARBY. WE SHOULD GO.

CLANK

CLANK

CLANK

WE NEED A *PLAN* FIRST.

THE GIRL! WHERE DID SHE--

ARRROOOO!!

NO!

A JEDI? OPEN FIRE!

PEW

PEW

PWEWW

NO!!!

OBI-WAN!!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

DON'T LEAVE US!

UH-OH.

AAAAND I DIDN'T LEAVE ANY CLANKERS TO QUESTION.

RUN!

ROGER, ROGER!

VWOOMMM

OKAY, WHAT WOULD OBI-WAN TELL ME TO DO?

USE THE FORCE, SLOW DOWN... THAT'S WHAT YOU'D SAY, WHILE IGNORING THAT YOU JUST MAYBE GOT YOURSELF ***KILLED*** JUMPING IN FRONT OF THAT ***WOOKIEE KID.***

I HOPE SHE'S OKAY.

ALL RIGHT, MASTER OBI-WAN. I'LL LET ***THE FORCE*** GUIDE ME. IF YOU'RE STILL AROUND, I'LL ***FIND*** YOU. IF YOU'RE NOT...***THEY'LL BE SORRY.***

WE SHOULD RESTRAIN HIM BEFORE HE WAKES UP.

ROGER, ROGER. GET THE RESTRAINTS, THEN CHECK ON THE OTHER PRISONERS.

ROGER, ROGER.

GASP!

THE RESTRAINTS AND THE OTHER PRISONERS ARE ON LEVEL 3.

ROGER, ROGER. GO CHECK IN WITH **GENERAL GRIEVOUS** BEFORE WE BRING THE WOOKIEES TO HIM.

ROGER, ROGER.

A SHUTTLE IS REQUESTING ACCESS.

ABOUT TIME, *ANAKIN.*

HALT!

GOOD TO SEE YOU *ALIVE.*

VWOM

DID YOU HAVE *DOUBTS?*

JUST FOR A MOMENT.

VWMMMP

WHOOSH

AMBASSADOR AMIDALA AND THE OTHERS ARE ON *LEVEL 3.*

LET'S GO!

YOU TAKE CARE OF THEM, ANAKIN. I HAVE SOMETHING *ELSE* I NEED TO DO *FIRST.*

PEW PEW

PADMÉ! ARE YOU--

THUNK

WELL, I CAME TO *SAVE* YOU, BUT IT SEEMS YOU TOOK CARE OF THAT *YOURSELF.*

AHEM. GOOD TO SEE YOU, *JEDI SKYWALKER.* THANK YOU FOR COMING TO *SAVE US.*

OH, *RIGHT.* I'M VERY GLAD YOU ARE OKAY. *ALL OF YOU.*

EVERYONE FOLLOW ME.

JUST IN CASE. WE'VE STILL GOT TO MAKE IT *BACK* TO OUR *SHIP.*

WITH *YOU* HERE, I *KNOW* WE WILL.

AH YES, *SENATOR YARUA.* SO NICE OF YOU TO *JOIN* ME.

YOU *KNOW* WHAT I *WANT.*

AWWWRRRRR

HERE GOES *NOTHING!*

I WAS TOLD THE JEDI WAS RESTRAINED.

TERRIBLY SORRY TO *DISAPPOINT* YOU.

I'M GOING TO NEED YOU TO *RELEASE* SENATOR YARUA AND HIS DAUGHTER.

IT'S *MY* TURN TO DISAPPOINT *YOU.*

KMMM

KMMM

WOM

WOM

WOM

WOM

WOM

WOM

WHOOSH

IF I KNOW *ONE THING* ABOUT THE *JEDI--*

MUAWA!

IT'S THAT THEY HAVE A SOFT SPOT FOR *INNOCENTS.*

THIS IS BETWEEN YOU AND ME, *GENERAL GRIEVOUS.*

LET THE GIRL *GO!*

OH, SHOULD I? LET HER *GO?*

RHAWK-ARRGH...

SENATOR!

RRROOAARRGGHH!

RRRR-RAAAAAAAAA!

...RRRWWNNNNN...

AS THEIR SHIP MAKES THE JUMP TO HYPERSPACE...

YOUR FATHER WAS SO *BRAVE.* AND HE LOVED YOU *VERY MUCH.*

IT LOOKS AS THOUGH GRIEVOUS MAY BE *DEAD.*

UNDERESTIMATE HIM YOU SHOULD NOT.

I ONLY WISH WE HAD *FOUND* WHATEVER HE WAS LOOKING FOR. ONLY *SENATOR YARUA* SEEMED TO KNOW WHAT IT WAS.

SAVED MANY LIVES YOU DID.

THERE WILL BE OTHER MISSIONS.

HOW IS SHE?

HOW WOULD ANYONE BE? SHE'S *DEVASTATED.*

IT HELPS THAT YOU'RE HERE FOR HER. YOU'LL MAKE A GREAT *MOTHER* SOMEDAY.

I HOPE SO.

WE'RE ARRANGING A SHUTTLE TO BRING HER BACK TO *KASHYYYK.*

HOPEFULLY HER FAMILY WILL BRING HER COMFORT.

I WONDER WHAT WAS *SO IMPORTANT* THAT THEY WERE AFTER SENATOR YARUA IN THE FIRST PLACE.

THE END

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